

IN THE CLAIMS

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1-15. (withdrawn)

- a/ 16. (original) A method to provision a plurality of servers, comprising:
receiving a request to load an operating system (OS) from each of a plurality of server blades;
determining an identifier for each of said plurality of server blades;
searching for an OS identifier associated with said server blade identifier;
retrieving an OS from a storage system using said OS identifier; and
loading each server blade with its retrieved OS.
17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said receiving comprises:
creating a connection between each of said server blades and said storage system; and
receiving said request over said connection.
18. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said determining comprises receiving said server blade identifier with said request from each server blade.
19. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein said server blade identifier is a dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) address.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said ~~searching comprises~~
~~searching for said OS identifier in an OS identifier list.~~ loading comprises:
sending each server blade its retrieved OS; and
executing said OS at said server blade.
21. (currently amended) A method to provision a plurality of servers, comprising:
creating a connection between a server blade and with a storage blade, said storage blade
having a plurality of operating system (OS) software;
sending a request to provision said server blade with one of said OS software; and
receiving OS software in response to said request.
22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said request includes a server blade identifier
and an OS identifier.
23. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein said server blade identifier is a dynamic host
configuration protocol (DHCP) address.
24. (currently amended) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
receiving said request at said storage blade;
identifying an OS for said server blade using an ~~said~~ OS identifier; and

sending said OS to said server blade over said connection.

25. (original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:
storing said OS software in memory; and
executing said OS software.

26-30. (withdrawn)